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## Southeast News.

At Cape Girardeau last week Fred A. Kage was elected mayor, W. A. Summers marshal, and W. H. Modley, W. H. Coerver, B. H. Hempstead, Charles Moeder and A. J. Flentge councilmen.

Farmington Times.

The oldest Methodist church west of the Mississippi, located at Potosi, has been sold and wrecked, and the material will be used. The Potosi Journal said it had been used more than a century.

The Southeast Missouri Athletic and Oratorical association will hold its sixth annual meet at Cape Girardeau May 12-13, 1911. The meet is open for the boys and girls in all the high schools in the Third Normal school district.

Jackson Cash-Book.

It is rumored that R. M. McCombs is to resign the position of president of the Cape County Milling Co. to accept the position as manager of a large land syndicate. John P. Mahrey will probably succeed Mr. McCombs as president of the milling company.

Dexter Statesman.

Tuesday night, April 4, a live wire fell on the ground in Mrs. B. F. Metz's yard and a cow, thinking it was spaghetti, formed a sudden attachment for it. What that cow said in her petition, suing for divorce, would not appear nice in print, but was easily heard all over town. Now, all the shepherd dogs in the county could not make that cow cross a clothes line.

J. F. Mitchim of DeSoto, publisher of the El Paso (Texas) News, was acquitted April 6 of the charge of killing M. M. Harrell of Oklahoma City, May 20, 1908. The jury was out only thirteen minutes. Mitchim admitted the killing and showed by witnesses that Harrell had threatened to kill him if he published in the News a flashlight picture taken in a dance hall.

Jackson Cash-Book.

Mrs. John W. Fulenwider and family moved to St. Louis last week. Thus departs from Jackson the last of one of the oldest families of the community. There are now no members of the Fulenwider family in Jackson or in the county. At one time most all the land which now composes West Jackson, and for a mile further west, was owned by the Fulenwider family. Time brings its changes, and in its course takes from among us the old faces and old families who were once well known and prominent in the community.

Cash-Book.

Two of our county's oldest men were visitors to our city yesterday. They were James Van Gilder and John G. Juden. Mr. Van Gilder will be 87 years old next August. He is living at the same old home place where he was born and where he has lived all of his life, on Cape La-Croix creek, four miles north of the gravel road. Mr. Juden was 84 years old on the 10th of March. Both of these old men look pretty spry and seem to be good for some years to come yet. May peace and happiness attend them both in their old age.

Dexter Statesman.

The high wind about 9:30 Monday night, April 3, did some damage in town and county. The tin roof on the courthouse was rolled up, ready to move; a large triangle was blown out of a south-side window of the High school; and the electric lights and telephone systems in town were out of commission for several hours. Many causes were assigned for the blow, but the nearest correct are that either the candidates for school superintendent were campaigning in the south part of the county, or else the city council was trying to relocate the free phone.

An Owensboro (Ky.) telegram.

dated April 10, says: Ezra Martin, 34 years old, son of W. H. Martin of Fredericktown, Mo., was killed as he jumped from a Louisville, Henderson & St. Louis train, running forty-five miles an hour, at 4 o'clock yesterday morning at a station ten miles east of Owensboro. His body was not identified until today. He was to have been married to Miss Eva Foster of this county this morning. The train does not stop at the station which was Martin's destination. Rather than be carried past the station Martin, case in hand, jumped. His body was picked up a few hours later. Every bone had been broken.

At Charleston, last Saturday, J. S. White of Annapolis, accused of murder in connection with the lynching of two negroes in Charleston on July 3 of last year, was acquitted Friday without the jury retiring. J. Moore Haw, prosecuting attorney of Mississippi county, was unable to furnish evidence to sustain a verdict of murder of first degree, and Judge C. H. Farris ordered the case dismissed after listening to testimony of witnesses for three hours. It is believed the action of the court in the White case will result in the freeing of William Knight, John Carnahan and William Babb, who are under indictment in connection with the same lynching.

Fredericktown Democrat-News, April 6

While searching for some kindling wood under the floor of the freight depot at DeLassus yesterday, Oscar Chalk, the Iron Mountain agent, discovered an iron box belonging to a safe. It had been blown open with explosives, and upon examining the contents he found them to be those belonging to the safe of Miller Bros. at Elvins, which was blown open last January. Mr. Chalk notified Prosecuting Attorney Boyer and Sheriff London, who went out to DeLassus and secured the articles. The recovered contents of the safe were about \$2000 in checks and some legal papers. The \$300 in cash the safe contained when burglarized was missing.

Cash-Book.

Joseph Weingartner, an old gentleman who came here a stranger March 26, was assaulted and robbed of a small sum of money, about \$1.50 last Thursday night. He was heard crying for help about 9 o'clock and parties found him bleeding about the head and showing evidence of having been struck two or three blows. He was brought up town and told parties who could understand him that a young man who could speak German with him had taken him down the street, pretending to befriend him, and beat and robbed him. He says he came over from Germany only a short while ago and is expecting his family here soon. No effort, it seems, was made to find out who assaulted and robbed the old man. Whoever it was is a dangerous animal to be running at large.

Farmington News.

Peter Swain and Harris Bissell are in jail at Hastings, Neb., and will be brought back to Farmington to answer the charge of murdering J. F. Taylor, a patient in the State hospital here. Swain and Bissell were attendants at the hospital and were identified by Taylor March 31 as his assailants. Taylor was brought here March 9 from Ripley county and placed in the receiving, or observation ward. It was there he claimed that he was assaulted by Swain and Bissell. He was removed to the disturbed ward a few days later, and while he complained of having been hurt, but little attention was paid to it, as the attendants there did not know of the assault and the insane frequently complain of having been injured. Of course his claims of injuries should have been investigated and reported, but it seems they were

## A Disappointment!

On account of about a three months' delay in the carpenter work, the contractors were unable to get the counters and shelving completed in the Odd Fellows New Building, consequently we were disappointed, as it will be fifteen or twenty days before we can move into our new home. In the meantime we invite you to come and see us at the old stand. If you need Dry Goods, Shoes, Clothing, Furniture, Spring Fertilizers or Wire Fencing we have the goods you want at prices you'll be glad to pay. See us before you BUY.

Yours for more business,

H. B. COLE.

Lutesville, Mo

not. About March 29 it was noticed that an abscess had formed on his hand. Dr. Weber was notified and on examination he was taken to the infirmary. There he told Dr. Weber of the assault and on examination the doctor found that the patient had been fearfully abused. He called in Dr. Lloyd and it was found that Taylor's breast bone had been badly crushed and the first, second and ninth ribs on the right side broken. Dr. Kenney was notified and he had the accused men brought in under disguise, but they were identified by the unfortunate man. They were promptly discharged from the employ of the hospital and Dr. Kenney came to town that afternoon and had a warrant issued and the men were arrested. They plead guilty to common assault, paid their fines and left town. Taylor died April 2 and about that time it seems the other attendants at the hospital having knowledge of the affair, began to tell what they knew. Seven were examined at the coroner's inquest on the 3d with the result that the jury returned a unanimous verdict that Taylor died from wounds inflicted by Swain and Bissell. An information was filed and Sheriff London has located them at Hastings, Neb. They will be brought here for trial at the May term of Circuit court.

## FARM FURROWS

Turned by a Practical Farmer for The Farmer and Stockman.

A prominent live-stock commission firm wants stockmen not to overload cars with hogs during the spring months. They call attention to the fact that on account of the weather being very changeable big losses are apt to result in case the temperature should suddenly rise. We have already had a few days this spring, according to this firm, where some shippers experienced heavy losses on account of change in weather. Had the cars been loaded lighter the probabilities are that there would have been no loss whatever.

I have bought some bargains at public sales and some that were not bargains. Unless one has a beforehand knowledge of the property to be sold he has to use his judgment quickly, and snap judgment is not always the best.

I am watching road-making progress in a township where the township board has hired help to put in steady time on the roads—to do nothing but road work. As far as the work has already progressed it beats

hiring farmers to do the work during spare times so badly that no comparison can be made. Will report again later.

The combined members of this household were favored with five packages of garden seeds each package containing five packages, twenty-five in all. I would like to know what it actually cost the government to send these five packages and next year I would write to the congressman that it would suit me better to send that much in fence staples or wire nails.

Farm philosophers say this is going to be a very dry year. If farm philosophers don't look out they will fall into ill repute away from home, which would be out on the farm. When a man predicts failure with no more certain knowledge of it than anyone has of future weather it's a sure sign something is wrong with his digestive organs.

A great deal of the clover and timothy that was seeded last spring failed to make a catch, owing to the dry season, and a great many are afraid to sow grass seed this spring because they believe we are to have another dry season. It is possible that we may, but we must take some risk in sowing any crop and clover is one of the best.

Last year the apple and the plum trees blossomed in March and at one time it looked as though they would do the same this year, but luckily there have been enough chilly days and nights to keep them back.

The rush season of getting in the crops is now on and with some the main thing seems to be to try to have the work done before the neighbors have finished. This may be all right, but at thrashing time enough to do a little extra work in putting in their crops who have the biggest thrashing bill to pay.

The hen is the best-paying creature on the farm. Almost anyone is willing to admit that, but if I ever build a new machine shed it will have a "No Admittance" sign on it that all kinds of poultry can understand. In other words, it will be built hen tight and a close watch will be kept on the doors.

If the supply of woven wire fencing that the dealers are getting in is an indicator of the kind of fences we are to have in the future the old barb wire fence has outlived its usefulness if it ever had any. As far

as I am concerned I have bought my last spool of barb wire. It is a barbarous fare.

There is no piece of farm machinery that is absolutely fool proof, not even the drag. Those who have an idea that all there is to running farm machinery is to climb into the seat and hang on to the lines, should take a week off to think. The thinking power of the farmer may be measured by the quality of the work done by the machinery on the farm.

## That "Remarkable Letter"

EDITOR MARBLE HILL PRESS: I have just read the article published in The Press, by request, under the heading, "A Remarkable Letter," and wish to say that the only thing remarkable about it is that so many people are foolish enough to believe such nonsense.

It belongs in the same class with the "Endless Prayer Chain" humbug which was scattered broadcast over the country a few years ago.

This promised great blessings to the person receiving it who would send it to nine others within nine days, but great calamities if they failed to send it on.

Those who had sense enough to ignore it did not experience more misfortune than falls to the common lot of humanity, neither did the dupe, who sent it on to bother some one else, receive any extra blessing.

When this was traced to its origin it was found to have been written in England by an escaped lunatic.

No wonder it took sixty-six years to persuade the Angel Gabriel to sign this letter. It is so unlike the sayings of Christ, as recorded in the Scriptures, that he could not accept it as genuine.

What a pity a postscript was not added to the letter, telling what influence was brought to bear on him at the last!

There are only two points in this so-called letter. First, keep the Sabbath holy, which is no more emphatic than was given to Moses in the Ten Commandments; and second, to believe all this nonsense and keep publishing it to the world.

Read your Bible carefully, from Genesis to Revelations; and you will find that no names are given to the days of the week, the seventh day being designated as the Sabbath.

This letter makes special mention of Saturday and Sunday, calling Sunday, the first day, Sabbath, and again saying that He had taken the seventh day (Saturday) as a resting day to Himself.

If Christ had written the letter He would have been consistent enough to have told why the Sabbath had been changed from Saturday to Sunday, and not have mixed them up—like He did not know which one He was referring to.

"And they that believe not this writing and my commandments will have my plagues upon you and you will be consumed with your children, goods and cattle and all other worldly enjoyments that I have given you." Just look at the language used in this part of a sentence. The whole sentence is still worse.

That so-called preacher who said in the pulpit that "Christ was an uneducated ignoramus," must have read this letter and believed it genuine.

Does this threat to consume innocent little children on account of their parents coincide with your conception of the "Meek and lowly Nazarene?"

In conclusion I will say that if the Savior had seen fit to write a special letter He would have revealed something new for the benefit of mankind instead of a lot of stuff that any fool could have thought of.

H. R. J.

## Letter from Fredericktown

During the last week the writer

enjoyed a pleasant visit at the home of James Shetley, who lives a mile northeast of our town. Mr. Shetley owns a splendid farm and is one of our most progressive farmers—and one of our worthy sons who have gone forth from Ballinger county to contribute to the material wealth of the localities where they have settled. For some time he has been in poor health, especially during the present winter.

While at this home the privilege was afforded of reading your excellent county paper and a purpose formed to write a paragraph of interest to the readers of The Marble Hill Press.

As chairman of the lowest of the Forty-sixth General Assembly the writer formed a warm attachment toward Hon. T. A. Caldwell. Your people need have no regrets in having sent him to represent the county. In every sense he was worthy of the honor conferred upon him. His consistency of character, gentlemanly bearing and unselfish devotion to what he believed to be right and just was a model for emulation.

The assembly is made up of a splendid body of men, and as a result of the election I was proud to see that the members from this county were well represented.

These worthy gentlemen will appear before the people at the standard national platform in the Globe, the 20th of May, 1911.

In the resolution passed by the assembly and the members of the fair name of the county was mentioned. The assembly is a body of men more decided in their opinions than the offenders of the past and justice to Hon. Mr. Caldwell of St. Louis, the minority leader of the house.

The assembly of lobbyists in bottom-hole and before session members—so conspicuous in former sessions—was a noteworthy feature in the present session. No suggestion of scandal appeared itself to the good name of the assembly.

The confidence incident to the burning of the crops, the destruction of many valuable birds had been introduced and the measure which followed prohibited from business proceedings and unbecomingly indulged when necessary would have been accomplished. A statement two weeks of delay was well secured with a rapidly action disposed in the history of big day bodies, and none could deny that many of the bills passed were important.

I am very doubtful in my convictions as to the sanity of the Sabbath, and regretted the circumstances which seemed in the estimation of a majority of the members to continue Saturday's session on the Sabbath. Both houses had voted, some days previously, to adjourn on Monday, the 20th and when the assembly took recess Saturday night to resume at 10 o'clock the following day, there was much unfinished business, and a majority regarded the action as a necessity, to prevent the calling of an extra session.

It seems to the writer that our legislative bodies and state officials need more sympathy, prayers and friendly manifestations than unjust criticism and censure on the part of the people and the press.

Sometimes the pulpit neutralizes the power of these agencies for good and tends to bring even the cause of the Master into disrepute, and those who exercise such censorship into general disgust with said bodies and officials. The church is of all institutions, the noblest and doing most for the betterment of mankind. All need the support which it alone gives. LESLIE H. DAVIS, Chaplain House of Representatives, Forty-sixth General Assembly.